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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO) has prepared the Mule Canyon Spring Mitigation Project Environmental Assessment (EA), which analyzes and discloses the potential environmental impacts of a proposed project approximately 15 miles east of Battle Mountain, Nevada. The EA identifies, describes, and evaluates potential resource impacts of the proposed action and alternatives.

Newmont Mining Corporation has submitted the proposed mitigation project as part of the mitigation plan for the Mule Canyon Mine. The Mule Canyon Spring Mitigation Project includes plans to construct a livestock exclosure fence around two springs in the Argenta Allotment. A spring box would be placed in one of the two springs with a pipeline would lead to a trough outside of the exclosure.

The EA will be available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., August 24, 2014. The EA can be viewed on the BLM NEPA Register Page, which can be accessed through the BLM Battle Mountain District website at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html

Under Links of Interest, click on the link that reads "National NEPA Register Page." To navigate to the project, scroll down and select "Nevada" from the "State(s)" list, which will populate the "Office(s)" list, then select "NV-Mount Lewis FO." Under "Fiscal Year(s)" select "2014" and then click the "Search" button on the right side of the screen. This will take you to a list of projects; find and select this project (DOI-BLM-NV-B010-2014-0005-EA) to display the project webpage using the link on the left.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personal identifying information) may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions or to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Adam B. Cochran, Project Lead and Rangeland Management Specialist at the above address or at (775) 635-4059.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Christopher J. Cook
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